

Docket No.: 050212-0646



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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of	:	Customer Number: 20277
Eisuke SASAOKA, et al.	:	Confirmation Number: 8757
Application No.: 10/532,708	:	Group Art Unit: 2883
Filed: April 27, 2005	:	Examiner: R. Lepisto
For: OPTICAL TRANSMISSION LINE FORMATION METHOD, OPTICAL TRANSMISSION LINE AND OPTICAL FIBER		

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Mail Stop Restriction Requirement
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In the Office Action dated May 31, 2006, the Examiner imposed a Restriction Requirement pursuant to 35 U.S.C. §121 and 372, requiring election of either:

Group I. Claims 1 through 17, 19 and 20, directed to an optical transmission line and method of forming the line; or

Group II. Claims 18 and 21 through 48 (presumably intending 21 through 49), directed to an optical fiber.

In response, Applicants elect to prosecute optical fiber claims 18 and 21 through 49 (Group II). Favorable consideration of claims 18 and 21 through 49 is solicited.


To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper,

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including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account 500417 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

Respectfully submitted,

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